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SUBJECT: MORA REACTS TO UNITA CHARGES OF DUPLICITY AT PUERTO RICO

1. DURING COURSE OF
THE WEEK, UNITA HAS CONTINUED TO
EDITORIALIZE EXTENSIVELY ON SCHMIDT STATEMENTS, PORTRAY-
ING POLITICAL CONDITIONS TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
AS THE MOST DASTARDLY FORM OF BLACKMAIL. FOCUS OF PCI
ATTACK HAS BEEN CLEARLY CENTERED ON DC, WITH MORO
ACCUSED ALTERNATIVELY OF PERMITTING ITALY TO BE DIS-
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CUSSED BEHIND HIS BACK AND OF PURPOSEFULLY CONCEALING

"DISHONORABLE" UNDERSTANDING REACHED AT PUERTO RICO, STRIKING BACK AT UNITA'S ATTACKS, PALAZZO CHIGI ISSUED ANOTHER STATEMENT, JULY 23, IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT.

2. REFERRING EXPLICITLY TO THE "HARSH AND INJUST" STATEMENTS OF PCI SENATOR COSSUTTA (ROME 11583) AND THE CONTINUING UNITA CAMPAIGN, THE STATEMENT REPUDIATES THE ACCUSATION OF DUPLICITY ON MORO'S PART: "ONE SHOULD NOT DOUBT THE WORK OF THE PRIME MINISTER WITHOUT FULL PROOF OR AT LEAST A SERIOUS INDICATION." THE STATEMENT GOES ON TO DENY CATEGORICALLY ANY KNOWLEDGE OF FORMAL OR INFORMAL AGREEMENTS ON ITALY: "THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT TAKE PART IN THE DECISIONS THAT APPARENTLY WERE TAKEN IN PUERTO RICO WHICH, MOREOVER, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST INFORMATION, WERE TAKEN IN AN INFORMAL MANNER. WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF THESE UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS WAS, IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT FOREWARNED, NOR DID IT PARTICIPATE IN ANY MEETING, NOR WAS IT INFORMED SUBSEQUENTLY."

3. COMMENT: NOTWITHSTANDING THE GOVERNMENT'S FORMAL DENIAL, THE PCI WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUE TO MILK THIS ISSUE PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF SCHMIDT'S REITERATION OF HIS POSITION YESTERDAY. VOLPE

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